

# YOUTHPASS OVERVIEW 2025

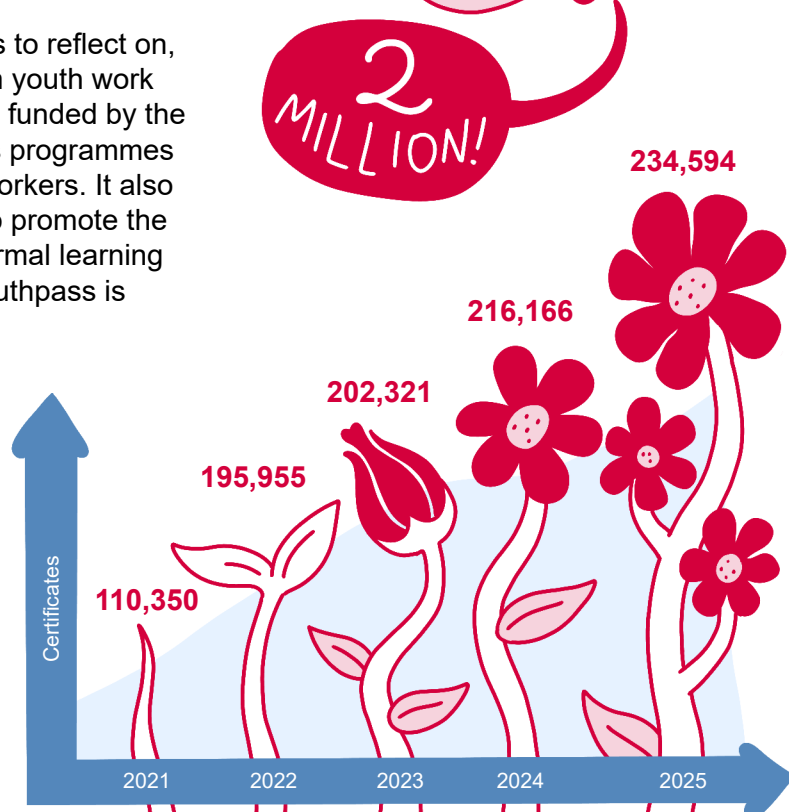
Youthpass is both a tool and a process that helps to reflect on, document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work and solidarity activities. It is available for projects funded by the Erasmus+ Youth\* and European Solidarity Corps programmes and is aimed at young people as well as youth workers. It also represents one of the pillars of the EU's efforts to promote the recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning in the European youth field. The work around Youthpass is guided by the [Youthpass Strategy](#).

*\*Except for the general DiscoverEU action.*

## YOUTHPASS IN NUMBERS

Since Youthpass was launched in 2007, more than two million Youthpass certificates have been created in over 110,000 projects run by 38,000 organisations.

In 2025, 234,594 Youthpass certificates were issued to participants in 10,636 projects run by 5,841 organisations.



"I BELIEVE THAT THE RECOGNITION ASPECT OF YOUTH WORK AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES IS CRUCIAL AND YOUTHPASS IS AN EXCELLENT TOOL TO SUPPORT THIS. RECOGNITION NOT ONLY GIVES VALUE TO THE EFFORTS AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED, IT ALSO MAKES INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE BECOME AWARE OF THEIR RELEVANCE."

*Davide Tonon  
testimonial collected for  
the Validation project  
August 2025*

## YOUTHPASS HIGHLIGHTS IN 2025

On 10 October 2025, the **two millionth Youthpass certificate** was issued. As EU youth programmes continue to expand in scope and reach, the use of Youthpass grows alongside them. These impressive figures enhance the visibility of the youth sector and highlight the programmes' contribution to the broader landscape of youth work and volunteering. While recognising this milestone, we remain curious about the stories behind the numbers. In 2026, we will continue to collect testimonials and analyse the impact of Youthpass on its users.

In 2025, a strong emphasis was placed on developing guidance to support participants' reflection. Seven learning pathways, complete with reflection questions and suggested methods, were created and made available on the Youthpass website under the 'Reflection' section.

**Youthpass**

Youthpass continues to promote **multilingualism**. In 2025, certificates became available in Danish and Dutch, complementing the existing translations in 12 languages. Several leaflets were published in Croatian and Czech, and three handbooks were also translated into Azerbaijani, Belarusian, Georgian and Ukrainian.

Sharing and discussing the Youthpass concept with beneficiaries remains an important priority.

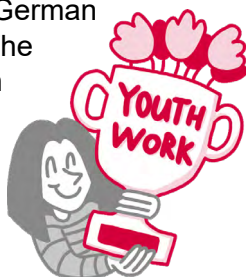
Throughout the year, **several online meetings were organised for programme participants**,

including a session organised in cooperation with the Romanian National Agency and another with Caritas Europe. In December, SALTO Training & Cooperation hosted an online session to introduce Youthpass to a broader public, bringing together around 90 participants representing beneficiaries across Europe.



In 2025, **three new Youthpass videos** were published. These covered the importance of reflection in learning, how to ask useful reflection questions and how to use the ETS Competence Model for self-assessment in Youthpass. Other Youthpass educational materials were updated, including the contents of Youthpass Unfolded and Unlocking Doors to Recognition.

From 20 to 23 May 2025, SALTO Training & Cooperation co-organised **a seminar on the recognition of non-formal learning in youth work** in Georgia, together with SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus and the German and Polish National Agencies. The event brought together 29 youth work practitioners from EU and Eastern Partnership countries to exchange practices and strategies for recognising non-formal learning in the youth sector.



SALTO Training & Cooperation was a part of the **steering group of the 4th European Youth Work Convention**, held from 27 to 30 May 2025 in Malta. During the Convention, **a workshop titled Enhancing Recognition of Youth Work and Non-Formal and Informal Learning** was organised, in which 25 participants tested methods

from the updated Unlocking Doors to Recognition handbook.

The **Validation Project** was a joint initiative of SALTO Training & Cooperation and the Estonian, French, German and Slovenian National Agencies, exploring policies and practices for the validation of non-formal and informal learning outcomes by higher education institutions. In 2025, the research phase was completed, and two online workshops were held to discuss recommendations for practitioners and policymakers.

From 9 to 13 December 2025, SALTO Training & Cooperation co-organised a **training course for trainers** together with the Latvian National Agency. The course aimed to explore the learning value of youth work and introduce materials developed within the **FOCUS learning project**. It brought together 20 trainers.



Hosted by the Icelandic National Agency, an in-person **Youthpass Officers Meeting** in April 2025 brought together 26 representatives from National Agencies. The meeting focused on sharing best practices, discussing Youthpass-related data and reflecting on ways to strengthen its implementation.

Additional online meetings were held throughout the year for Youthpass Officers, National Agency staff and external assessors.

Two **Youthpass Advisory Group meetings** took place in 2025, addressing topics ranging from the role of AI in learning and recognition to reflections on future programme developments.



## WHAT COMES NEXT?

In 2026, Youthpass will continue to provide educational support for practitioners and National Agencies. Additional activities are also planned to deepen reflection on the recognition and validation of learning in youth work and volunteering.

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